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Amendments to the Abstract

Replace the abstract with the following replacement abstract:

The invention relates to a A device for introducing forces into a luggage compartment (1) and for transferring and/or distributing the forces and/or stresses in vehicles, particularly in fast traveling vehicles such as aircraft, ground vehicles and watercraft, e.g. express trains, speedboats and the like, has a ceiling-side connecting element arranged between extensions of end-side side walls of the luggage compartment. In order to create a The device of this type, which has the most has a simple possible design and can be economically produced[[,]]. the The invention provides that for the introduction of the forces into the luggage compartment ensues via a the ceiling-side connecting element, configured, for example, provided in the form of as a strip (8) that distributes forces for stresses.

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For the examiner's convenience, a clean text version of the replacement abstract (95 words) is presented below:

A device for introducing forces into a luggage compartment and for transferring and/or distributing the forces and/or stresses in vehicles, particularly in fast traveling vehicles such as aircraft, ground vehicles and watercraft, e.g. express trains, speedboats and the like, has a ceiling-side connecting element arranged between extensions of end-side side walls of the luggage compartment. The device has a simple design and can be economically produced. The invention provides for the introduction of the forces into the luggage compartment via the ceiling-side connecting element, configured, for example, as a strip that distributes forces for stresses.